

CLASS OF 1826

THOMAS JEFFERSON MARVIN

Son of William and Mary (Benedict) Marvin, was born June 26, 1803, in Malta, Saratoga Co., N. Y.

Died December 29, 1852, in Havana, Cuba, while on a journey.

Married February 8, 1837 in New York City to Harriet Fraser, daughter of Samuel and Lavina Lyons. She was born November 9, 1803 and died November 14, 1872 in Saratoga Springs.

He graduated at Union College in 1826, and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa; he studied law, and had a successful practice in his native county; he was a member of the New York State Legislature in 1834, and February 13, 1838 was appointed judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Saratoga County.

Children born in Saratoga Springs:

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| 1. William Benedict | Born Feb. 1, 1838<br>Died Aug. 24, 1840  |
| 2. Mary Louisa      | Born Mar. 1, 1840<br>Died Sept. 6, 1895  |
| 3. Virginia         | Married Wm. A. Sackett May 30, 1876<br>Born May 31, 1843<br>Died Feb. 19, 1895     |
| 4. Daughter         | Married Dr. John L. Perry Oct. 28, 1864<br>Born Oct. 4, 1844<br>Died Oct. 28, 1844 |
| 5. Grace Carryl     | Born July 23, 1846<br>Died Oct. 26, 1862   |

FROM Descendants of Reinold and Matthew Marvin

George F. Marvin & William T. R. Marvin

T. R. Marvin & Son, Publishers Plainfield, N. J. 1904



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FROM      Genealogy of the Benedicts in America  
         Henry Marvin Benedict  
         Joel Munsell            Albany            1870.



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First Judge(Court of Common Pleas) Thomas J. Marvin was the son of William Marvin, a merchant and hotel keeper at East Line in the town of Malta, where he was born in June, 1803. His grandfather, Dennis Marvin, was one of the first settlers of the town, a few years prior to the Revolution. He was educated at the old Ballston Academy and at Union College, graduating in the class of 1826; and studied law with William L. F. Warren(Union 1814), at Saratoga Springs, and was admitted to the bar of Common Pleas in August, 1829. In due time he was admitted first as an attorney and then as a counselor in the Supreme Court, and Solicitor in Chancery. In 1836, he was appointed by Gov. Marcy to be a judge of Common Pleas, and two years later he was promoted to the presiding judge's seat, his commission dating from February 13; and held the office until 1847, when it was abolished by the adoption of the new constitution. Judge Marvin was a man of quick perceptions and was deeply read in the law. He was quick to see the point and to act upon it. When he saw that the strict construction of the law led to a certain end, though it might clash with the public demands or his own private wishes, he fearlessly did his duty. We have seen an instance in this in the manner in which he disposed of the second indictment against the notorious Rynders. He was a joint proprietor in the United States hotel, Saratoga Springs from 1832, and in 1842 he entered into partnership with his brother, Hon. James M. Marvin in the management of that house, which continued until his death December 29, 1852, in the fiftieth year of his age. He was supervisor of Saratoga Springs in 1851-2.

FROM The Bench and Bar of Saratoga County  
Enos R. Mann  
Waterbury & Inman  
Ballston, N. Y. 1876.



Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

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AN oil painting of Mrs. Thomas J. Marvin, mother of Mrs. William A. Sackett, has been presented to Bethesda Parish House and hangs in one of the double living rooms used there by various local organizations.

The presentation was made recently by Mr. and Mrs. Hiram C. Todd, who recently sold their Franklin Square house, the former home of Mrs. Sackett. Mrs. Marvin was the former Mrs. Harriet Fraser who on Feb. 8, 1837 was married to Mr. Marvin.

The companion portrait Mr. and Mrs. Todd have presented to Union College of which Mr. Todd has long been president of the board of trustees, this gift in recognition of the fact that Mr. Marvin was one of the early students of Union College who rose to considerable distinction, after graduation from Union. He was admitted to the bar in 1828, and elected to the Assembly of the State of New York in 1833. Later he served as County Judge, and was former postmaster of Saratoga Springs for two terms.

With his brother, James Madison Marvin, he was proprietor of the first United States Hotel from 1842 to 1852, the year of Thomas Marvin's death. The Marvin brothers were managers of the historic United States Hotel which was destroyed by fire June 18, 1865.

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Thomas J. and James M. Marvin also established the Bank of Saratoga Springs in 1841.



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February 15, 1950

Dr. Charles N. Waldron  
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Dear Charlie:

It is good to know that you are at work on your memoirs and that you intend to give special attention to gifts to the College made by women.

The gift to the College which was made by my dear old friend, Mrs. Sackett, was under her Will in which she bequeathed one-fourth of the residue of her estate to the College. So you may have the exact language of the bequest, I quote from her Will:

"FOURTEENTH: \* \* \* \* \*

"5th. \* \* \* \* \*

"One quarter thereof to the Trustees of Union College of Schenectady, New York, as an endowment to be known as the Thomas J. Marvin Fund, which is to be invested and reinvested and the income used by the President of said College in assisting worthy and needy students of said college."

The amount received by the College under this bequest is \$74,759.59, and is carried under the title:

"Thomas J. Marvin Student Aid Fund ... \$74,759.59  
Gift of Mary L. Sackett in memory  
of her father Thomas J. Marvin,  
Class of 1826."

You also may remember that Susan and I presented to the College a portrait of Thomas J. Marvin, which has hung for several years in a conspicuous place in the College dining room.



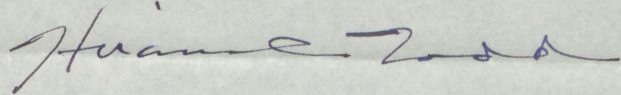
Dr. Charles N. Waldron

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February 15, 1950

If you wish to comment on Thomas J. Marvin, I shall be glad to have copied and sent to you his biography as it appeared in the Saratoga County History, which was published several years ago. He was one of the leading citizens of Saratoga Springs, one of the founders of the historic United States Hotel, a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, and, I think, a Congressman, but I am not sure, so if you wish to include any statement about him let me know.

Faithfully yours,



HCT:lam



1826

THOMAS J. MARVIN:

Married: At New York on Wed. evening, at  
Trinity church, by the Rev. Bishop Onder-  
donk, the Hon. Thomas J. Marvin, of  
Saratoga Springs, to Mrs. Harriet Fraser,  
of New York.

Albany Evening Journal, Feb. 13, 1837



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One of the best known residents of the last century in this community was born in the town of Malta, June 26, 1803, the son of William and Mary (Benedict) Marvin.

He was educated at Union College and after graduation took up the study of law in the office of William L. F. Warren in Saratoga Springs. He was admitted to the bar in 1828. In 1833 he was elected to the Assembly of the State of New York. Later he was elected County Judge and served as postmaster of this community for two terms.

Feb. 8, 1837, he married Mrs. Harriet Fisher. Their children were William, who died when two years of age; Grace Carryl, who died in her 17th year; Virginia, who married Dr. John L. Perry, and died in 1895; and Mary Louise, who married William A. Sackett. She died Feb. 12, 1826. He died April 6, 1895.

Reminiscences of Saratoga County

p. 240.

Durkee

THOMAS J. MARVIN, Esq., of Saratoga Springs, 1826, of the Adelpic Society.  
Adelpic Catalogue 1830 (Died: 1852)



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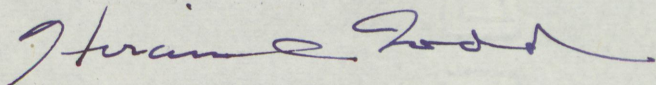
Dear Charlie:

In accordance with your request contained in your letter of the 16th inst., I hand you herewith copy of the brief biography of Thomas J. Marvin which appeared in "A History of Saratoga County Printed by the Saratogian in 1899." You will note that I have added to the typed copy a notation that Mr. Marvin served as Postmaster of Saratoga Springs and also in the Assembly of the State of New York. I am clear that he held these two official positions, although they did not appear in the article from the History of Saratoga County.

I have just received a letter from Dr. Davidson bearing the bad news of the shortage of coal at the College, and that a temporary supply of coal has been received from General Electric Company and General Locomotive Company. This is a most distressing item of news. I have cudgelled my brain to find a solution to the problem, but without success, so I suppose all we can do is hope and pray for a cessation of the coal strike.

I hope that you and Dorothy have plenty of coal and everything else to make you happy during these cold winter days.

Faithfully yours,



HCT:lam

1 Enclosure:  
Biography



"Thomas J. Marvin was born at East Line, in the town of Malta, in June, 1803, and was the son of William Marvin, a merchant and tavern-keeper there. He was educated, first at the famous old Ballston Academy, then at Union College, from which he was graduated in 1826. Immediately entering, as a student, the office of William L. F. Warren at Saratoga Springs, he was admitted to the bar in 1829. In 1836 Governor Marcy appointed him a judge of Common Pleas, and from 1838 to 1847, when that court was abolished by the constitution, he was presiding judge. Aside from his legal career, Judge Marvin was a joint proprietor of the United States Hotel at Saratoga Springs from 1832 to 1852, the last ten years managing that famous resort in partnership with his brother, James M. Marvin. He died December 29, 1852, in his fiftieth year, hardly having passed the prime of a vigorous and most useful life."

" Judge Marvin was a man of quick perceptions and was deeply read in the law. He was quick to see a point and to act upon it. When he saw that the <sup>CORRECT</sup> quick construction of the law led to a certain end, though it might clash with the public demands or his own private wishes, he fearlessly did his duty."

Enos R. Mann's "Bench and Bar of Saratoga County."

*He also served for several years as Postmaster at Saratoga Springs and he represented Saratoga County in the Assembly for a term.*



Thomas Jefferson Marwin A.B. 1826



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Thomas Jefferson Marvin